

From: [Scott Jones](#)
To: [Walters, Donn](#)
Subject: RE: CAC notification -SJRWP Update
Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 1:06:39 PM
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Thank you, Donn.

Happy Holidays to you and yours-

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From: Walters, Donn [<mailto:walters.donn@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 1:05 PM
To: sjones@galvbay.org
Subject: RE: CAC notification -SJRWP Update

Thanks Scott. I'll be sending out another statement answering some of your questions, and I believe Gary is going to try and call you.

From: Scott Jones [<mailto:sjones@galvbay.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Walters, Donn
Cc: Miller, Gary; Sanchez, Carlos; Gray, David; Edlund, Carl; Talton, Anthony; McCorkhill, Michael; Bob Stokes
Subject: RE: CAC notification -SJRWP Update

Hello Donn-
Thanks for the note.

I have some follow up questions for the purposes of my responding to GBF members and citizen inquiries:

1. I assume this is the case, but can you confirm that in this area of the cap where the rock has been displaced, there is now nothing separating the wastes from the river? Would I be



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remiss in simply referring to this displacement area as a “hole” in the cap.

2. What day did the dive team find out that there was an area of displacement? Was it on December 10th?
3. Do you know how soon that the PRPs will be able to repair the cap? Has EPA given them a deadline when the cap needs to be repaired?
4. Did the PRPs provide the repair plan by yesterday’s deadline?
5. Will the PRPs provide more information as to the size of the displacement? Will EPA or a third party verify it?
6. Will the PRPs provide more information as to any past or current release of dioxin from this area of displacement? Will EPA or a third party verify it?

As you may be aware, there was a story about the cap in today’s print version of The Houston Chronicle. Here is a link to the online version: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hole-found-in-San-Jacinto-Waste-Pit-cover-6713578.php#photo-5614058>

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Subject: FW: CAC notification -SJRWP Update

Dear CAC member,

We wanted to alert you to our most recent activities at the San Jacinto Superfund site.

EPA has directed both International Paper and Industrial Maintenance Corporation, the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site in Harris County, to submit a repair plan for the protective cap. EPA has prescribed that the repair plan should include confirmation sampling to assure EPA that no materials have been released from the site.

The PRPs developed an Operations, Monitoring, and Maintenance Plan under Federal Order by the EPA and completed work to prevent wastes from continuing to migrate to adjacent areas including the San Jacinto River in July 2011. The Order allows the Agency to require additional measures and investigations deemed necessary by the Agency from its periodic inspection of the protective cap. EPA is exercising that authority today.

EPA divers determined that additional measures were necessary and the PRPs' repair plan is due on December 21, 2015. Visual dive operations found displacement in the stone cover of the protective cap but could not fully delineate the damaged area or the full extent of damage to the protective cap.

We will keep you updated as more information is available.

Best,